



# CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE April 1, 2013

## **Perkins 'Intent to Apply' and State Voed Application—DUE April 19**

The online link to access and complete the combined Federal and State Funding application is now available and listed below. It is also available on the Secondary CTE web page of the OPI website inside the *Perkins Federal Funding* tab.

Authorized Representatives of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will use the online link to access and complete the Perkins 'Intent to Apply' electronic form and the State Voed Funding application for the 2013-2014 E-Grants cycle. All public high schools and K-12 districts with qualifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are eligible to apply for funding. Elementary districts are not eligible for Perkins or State Voed monies. Districts will NOT receive a 2013-2014 Perkins allocation unless this electronic form is completed and submitted online at the OPI on or before the deadline. These designations are binding and cannot be changed once allocations have been downloaded into the E-Grants system.

**The online link is located here:** <http://www.keysurvey.com/f/343718/10f4>

The combined Perkins 'Intent to Apply' AND State Voed Funding application  
**DEADLINE is April 19, 2013.** If you have questions, please contact Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist, at [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov) or by phone at 406.444.9019.

## **CTE Spring Data Collection—DUE April 26**

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection began March 1, 2013, and ends April 26, 2013. High schools need to identify all students in grade 12 who were enrolled at any point during the current 2012-2013 school year and have met the definition of a CTE Concentrator. CTE Concentrators are high school 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have earned three (3) or more credits in any CTE Area of Concentration in any combination. Currently enrolled courses count towards credits earned. Students meeting the CTE Concentrator definition must have the Concentrator box checked and an Area of Concentration entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus data system. If the student has a child or shares the parenting of a child, the Single Parent box should also be marked. All schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program must complete this CTE Spring Data Collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE Spring Data Collection can be found inside the 'Data Collections' tab on the Secondary CTE web page located at this link: [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6)

Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 or [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov).

Questions regarding CTE programs and/or the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program should be directed to Diana Fiedler at 406.444.9019 or [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

## **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources**

No update at this time.



## **FFA**

Happy Spring!?

As the end of March comes to an end and April begins FFA is one week away from our 83<sup>rd</sup> Montana FFA State Convention. In one week from today Montana FFA will be kicking off our state convention in Billings. Lots of exciting things to look forward to at convention. Our keynote speaker and special guest for the week will be Dr. Larry Case, the former National FFA Advisor. We also have the National FFA President, Clay Sapp, Miss Rodeo Montana, Allyson Grinestaff and many more guests attending. We have several student and teacher success workshops, Brian Imbus, hypnotist and of course our Career Development Events. As our convention comes to a close we will be awarding several students with plaques of outstanding achievement, finding out who will represent us at national convention in October and we will elect 8 new individuals to serve as our State FFA Officers.

Once convention comes to a close we will have a few weeks to catch up and then we will be preparing for initial training for our new officers, spring banquets and all of our summer activities.

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## **Business Education**

### **GLACIER HS BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED FOR MCIS BEST PRACTICE**

The Glacier High business department teaches two required classes where the Montana Career Information System (MCIS) is integrated into the curriculum for both of these classes. College and Career Readiness 1 is a class for all incoming freshman. This class is centered around three questions: Who Am I? What Do I Want? and How Do I Get It? The first step in discovering who they are is to take the O'Net Interest Profiler, Skills, Work Importance Locator and Career Clusters Inventory on the MCIS site. By taking these various interest inventories students have a better understanding of what careers best match their interests and skills.

At the end of the semester the teachers take the students back into their MCIS portfolios to plan their future classes they will take their sophomore, junior and senior years. When registration takes place students sign on to their portfolios and have access to all the classes they planned out.

College and Career Readiness 2 is a class for all juniors and is an extension of their freshman year. However, now students are focusing on college and careers outside of high school. They create a professional resume that is stored in their portfolio on MCIS.

Using MCIS, juniors perform a college sort based on their future plans. With the data they receive from MCIS, they create an Excel spreadsheet and Access database listing their top colleges, enrollment, tuition costs, and admissions information.

"College and career readiness is critical for our high school students. MCIS is an important tool/service for our students within the classroom and beyond. There is no other site that gives our students all the information needed to get them on their way to a successful future." Chere' Anderson, Business Department Chair, Glacier High School.

Glacier High School will receive a one year subscription for submitting a great best practice.



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## **Business Professionals of America**

### **MONTANA BPA 2013 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Secondary and postsecondary students from across the state of Montana attended the 2013 State Leadership Conference for the Montana association of Business Professionals of America in Billings, Montana, March 10-12, 2013.

The 2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference was held City College Montana State University-Billings, the Holiday Inn Grand Montana, and the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Members from 82 of Montana BPA's 92 chapters joined nearly 1300 students and local chapter advisors who gathered in a spirit of friendship and goodwill as the Montana association assisted the member to "Discover Your Treasure" through participation in the areas competitive events, leadership, community development, and professionalism.

During the three-day event, students demonstrated their knowledge in business and technological skills and abilities in 60 different competitive events from within the four core assessment areas of financial service, administrative support, information technology, and marketing/management/human resources. The top finalists in each event advance to compete at the National Leadership Conference this spring in Orlando, Florida, May 8-12, 2013.

The state conference also included an motivational and encouraging keynote from Steve Weber, professional Forrest Gump impersonator and owner of Weber and Associates in Hamilton, and several workshops on topics including leadership, pushing physical and mental boundaries and personal limits, self-defense, and Not Another "I" Exam: Teambuilding presented by Special Olympics Montana. Additionally, local chapters donated over \$6800.00 to Special Olympics Montana as their state-wide philanthropic organization.

Community members and Montana businesses also played a tremendous role in the success of the state conference by serving as judges for the competitive events. In addition, Montana BPA has received more than \$8,500.00 in financial support and/or in-kind support Montana business and education institutions as part of the corporate sponsor and education partnership program. One significant education partner is the Montana State University-Bozeman's College of Business who awarded two \$1000.00 scholarships to Montana BPA members Jonathan Small from Simms High School and Chelsea Strasheim from Sidney High School.

In non-event awards, Montana BPA awarded Silver Star Awards for Chapter Development to the Jefferson High School, Park City High School, Shields Valley High School, and Sidney High School chapters; two \$500.00 scholarships Jere Dennehy, Colstrip, and Tena Pate, Great Falls; 125 Statesman Torch Awards; and the Spirit of Professionalism Award to the Lavina High School chapter.

During the state conference 11 secondary members participated in the state officer campaign process with the following six being elected to office for the 2013-2014 school year:

- President: Victoria Hill, Sidney High School
- Vice President: Kourtney Schott, Broadview High School
- Secretary: Kelsie Harriman, Park High School
- Communications Director: Callum Gannon, Park High School
- Public Relations Director: Taylor Anderson, Glacier High School
- Membership Director: Jack Jennaway, Melstone High School

The 2014 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference again will be held in Billings March 9-11.

Business Professionals of America is the leading CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, finance, office administration, information technology and other related career fields.



BPA has more than 51,000 members in over 2,300 chapters in 28 states. BPA is a "co-curricular" organization that supports business and information technology educators by offering curriculum based on national standards. This year, the Montana association has 1675 members and over 90 chapters.

### **Montana DECA**

Montana DECA has over 170 participants attending the National DECA conference at the end of this month. Students and advisors will have the opportunity to travel to Anaheim, CA for several days. Students will compete against over 10,000 other students from across the country and around the world.

Congratulations to Steve Hurin, Great Falls Central DECA Advisor, for winning a scholarship from Johnson and Wales University to use for teacher and advisor training. Great job, Steve!!

Montana DECA is in the process of selecting the 2013-2014 State Officers. A decision should be made by the end of April. Thank you to all who applied!

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### **Family and Consumer Sciences Education**

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### **Montana FCCLA**

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### **Health Sciences Education**

#### **HEALTH SCIENCE TEACHER ONLINE TRAINING**

The OPI Health Science teacher training has been converted from a classroom-facilitated professional development to an online learning platform in the hopes of reaching more teachers who could not participate in summer training due to other jobs or family commitments. To be eligible for this program, the teacher must be a licensed secondary science, or PE/Health Enhancement teacher with a collegiate course in Anatomy & Physiology.

Through a grant from Missoula College, the first cohort of teachers to sign up for this online training, scheduled for June 17-June 28th, will be able to participate **free of charge**. The deadline for this training will be **May 30th**.



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For further inquiries or to sign up for this training; please email Renee Harris, Health Science Education Specialist, at [Rharris3@mt.gov](mailto:Rharris3@mt.gov) or call 406.994.6986.

## **Montana HOSA**

### **HOSA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

The Montana HOSA State Leadership Conference took place last week, March 21-23 at the Best Western Heritage Inn and Benefis Health System in Great Falls. Over 230 students, advisors, judges, and guests participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The conference included a welcome session from conference hosts CMR and Great Falls High HOSA Chapters; a HOSA Exposition featuring interactive booths from Student Assistance Foundation, Great Falls College Nutrition Program, Great Falls College PTA Program, Great Falls College Admissions, University of Great Falls Admissions, Gallatin College Medical Assisting Program, Leadership 101, Simulation Manikin, and the Public Health Department; over 15 educational symposiums within departments at Benefis Health System; over 30 health science competitive events; leadership development training by Jane Suberg; keynote address by Mercy Flight pilot, Joe Knox; and endless memories for our health science students!

Students who finished in the top three in their respective events earned the chance to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee June 25 – 30, 2013.

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## **Industrial, Trades and Technology Education**

No update at this time.

### **SkillsUSA**

No update at this time.

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